

Special Restrictions
Over Snow Travel Order
USDA - FOREST SERVICE
BLACK HILLS NATIONAL FOREST

Pursuant to 16 U.S.C § 551 and 36 C.F.R § 261.50(a) and (b), the following acts are prohibited within the Black Hills National Forest located in Lawrence, Pennington, Meade, Custer and Fall River Counties of South Dakota and Crook and Weston Counties of Wyoming in the area shown on the attached map hereinafter referred to as the Restricted Area and which is incorporated into this Order as Appendix A. This Order is needed to provide safety to the public by not allowing wheeled vehicles onto the snowmobile trail system and provides safety to the public by not allowing snowmobiles into cross country ski areas or on plowed roads that may be being used by the general public, or contractors in performance of their duties. This Order will also provide resource protection to special biological communities and will provide resource protection to wintering wildlife by not allowing over snow vehicles into wildlife winter range areas. These areas are also designated by the Black Hills National Forest Plan Phase II Amendment guideline 9103 by management areas.

PROHIBITIONS IN THE RESTRICTED AREA, effective annually, each year from midnight December 15th through midnight March 31st each year, ending on March 31, 2016, unless rescinded sooner:

- (1) Using a wheeled vehicle on any National Forest System Trail on any portion of the snowmobile trail system as depicted on Appendix A, 36 C.F.R. § 261.55(b).

PROHIBITIONS IN THE RESTRICTED AREA, effective year round beginning midnight December 15, 2011 through midnight March 31, 2016, unless rescinded sooner:

- (2) Using an over snow vehicle on any National Forest System Road depicted on Appendix A 36 C.F.R. § 261.54(a).
- (3) Going into or being upon ski areas, wildlife winter range or other areas depicted as closed in Appendix A, while operating or possessing any over snow vehicle, 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(e) and 36 C.F.R. § 261.53(b).

Pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 261.50(e), the following are persons EXEMPT from the order:

- (1) Any Federal, State or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force when in the performance of an official duty.
- (2) Any person with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.

Done at Custer, South Dakota, this 15th day of December, 2011

/s/ Ralph G. Adam
RALPH G. ADAM
Acting Forest Supervisor

Violations of this prohibition are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or 10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. 16 U.S.C § 551, and 18 U.S.C. §§ 3559 and 3571).